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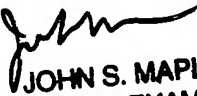
The reply filed on August 12, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omissions or matters: claim 4, line 3 includes a single parenthesis next to "supporting" and it appears that this insertion should be deleted. Also, another copy of the PTO-1449 filed February 18, 2004 is requested without the sticker information which presently covers up the application information including the filing date, application number, examiner name, etc. on this form. The examiner cannot process this PTO-1449 form with this sticker covering up this identifying information regarding this application. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John S. Maples whose telephone number is 571-272-1287. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 6:15 to 3:45. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Ryan, can be reached on 571-272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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